GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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FUNCTIONING OF NATIONAL MUSEUM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Museum has embarked on a programme of modernization and started an interactive and cyber-friendly initiative to form more galleries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are aware that the National Museum does not rank high in stature;

(d) if so, the corrective measures taken in this regard; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to improve the functioning of the National Museum and other important museums along with the funds allocated therefor during each of the last three years and the current year ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b): The Harappan Gallery has been modernized; action is on to modernize the Indian Miniature, Numismatics, Manuscripts and Central Asian Galleries. New Information Technologies have been applied in the modernization process. A computerized documentation of `AA` & `A` category objects in the collection of National Museum had been completed and a web-site opened.

(c) & (d) : National Museum has an excellent collection of cultural objects and draws a number of visitors.

(e) : All the museums are engaged in modernization of galleries, organisation of exhibitions, improved conservation and documentation. The details of funds allocated year-wise are given below :

(Rupees in lakhs)

	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
National Museum, New Delhi	638.00	805.00	900.00	1050.00
Indian Museum, Calcutta	449.00	585.00	677.51	780.00
Salar Jung Museum, Hyderabad	541.00	477.10	635.00	740.00
Allahabad Museum, Allahabad	96.05	87.00	120.00	178.00